GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3409
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2002
FAKE VISA RACKET
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently busted a racket that used to arrange fake visas to European countries as reported in the Pioneer dated 9 July, 2002;

(b) if so, the modus operandi of the racket;

(c) whether there is possibility of the involvement of officials of External Affairs Ministry in running the racket;

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such incident may not recur in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): No, Sir. It was an isolated case in which a private individual attempted to obtain visa to visit Spain on the basis of an allegedly forged recommendatory letter purported to have been signed by an official working in the Ministry of External Affairs.

(e): The steps taken by Delhi Police against emergence of organized rackets for obtaining visas illegally include collection of intelligence and keeping watch on the activities of persons previously involved or suspected to be involved in such activities.